

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated 5/13/2004 the Examiner finally rejected pending claims 1 and 22, and objected to claims 2-21 as depending from rejected base claims. The Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered and this amendment is now presented in an effort to comply with Patent Office requirements and advance prosecution of the application.


The examiner rejected claims 1 and 22 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Behnke et al. Behnke discloses a sensor for detecting structure-borne noise caused by the throughput of harvested crop in a combine. The Examiner indicated that the prior art of record does not show "providing a sound reproducing device in the operator's cab which acoustically reproduces signals derived by the sensor" as set forth in claim 2.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 22 to include the limitations described in claim 2 as originally filed. Claim 2 is canceled and dependent claims have been amended to depend from claim 1.

It is therefore believed that the rejection of all the claims should be withdrawn and that this application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

Any fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present communication may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

Respectfully,


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